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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

<i>Customer No.</i>	23643	}
<i>Group:</i>	1743	
<i>Confirmation No.:</i>	9342	
<i>Application No.:</i>	10/692,996	
<i>Invention:</i>	METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR MEASURING A SUBSTANCE IN A BIOLOGICAL SAMPLE	}
<i>Inventor:</i>	Gore et al.	
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<i>Attorney</i>		
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<i>Examiner:</i>	Yelena G. Gakh, Ph.D.	

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ON: September 15, 2008

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-145

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed March 15, 2008, the Applicants respectfully request entry of this Amendment and Reply submitted with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE). No new matter is sought to be entered by way of these amendments. The Director is hereby authorized to charge the RCE filing fee of \$405.00 to Barnes & Thornburg LLP Deposit Account No. 10-0435, with reference to our matter 3220-73780. The extendable due date for response to the instant Office Action, under a three-month shortened statutory

period, was June 15, 2008. Applicants herewith request a three-month extension of time to file the instant Response, and the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the small-entity extension of time fee of \$525 to Barnes & Thornburg LLP Deposit Account No. 10-0435, with reference to our matter 3220-73780. In response to the Office Action mailed March 15, 2008, please consider the following:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page **3**.

Amendments to the Claims begins on page **8** of this paper.

Remarks begin on page **24** of this paper.